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1. Destruction of roads between Czechoslovakia and Germany in the Tachov region:
 - a. For about one week following 8 May 1949 about 45 soldiers led by a staff captain and a lieutenant were quartered in the Relich Inn at Predni Pavlov Studenec (N50/P44). At the same time about 28 soldiers commanded by a 1st lieutenant took quarters in two abandoned houses in the village of Mindischgraetz on the road between Zlaty Potok and the frontier. They remained here for about three weeks.
 - b. Both groups of soldiers worked every day destroying roads, footpaths and forest lanes leading into Germany. These roads were interrupted by digging ditches, about 1½ meters deep and 1 meter wide, near the border in Czechoslovakia or sometimes in Germany if the land configuration required it. On the German side of such ditches on the broader roads a barrier of tree trunks was erected and covered with earth. At night regular patrols and guard duty were carried on.
 - c. This activity took place in the frontier sector near Predni and Zadni Pavlov Studenec from 4 km north of the town as far south as Zlaty Potok and in the region between Pavlov Studenec and Tachov.
2. In the outskirts of Zadni Pavlov Studenec a border unit of the SNB is garrisoned in a villa visible from the German side of the frontier, and about 400 meters from it. On 16 May 1949 the unit of 15 to 20 men was reinforced by the permanent addition of 15 soldiers. Some of these soldiers now wear SNB insignia to disguise the presence of soldiers in the area. The commander of the unit at that time was SNB Warrant Officer Jelinek who has since been arrested. Patrols were seen armed either with carbines or sub-machine guns.
3. The headquarters of the SNB station at Predni Pavlov Studenec is commanded by SNB Warrant Officer Sevcik. Under him are three SNB men.
4. A group of 80 to 90 soldiers commanded by a lieutenant leave Tachov nearly every day in the direction of Schoenbrunn or Dlouhy Ujezd. During exercises about 8 km from the frontier, the area is guarded to prevent outsiders from entering the area. About 25 horsemen of a cavalry unit sometimes participate.

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